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The Hon. J. W. Fulbright  
United States Senator  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I would be grateful to you for information you may have available on:

Your position on government-sponsored research on international affairs and disarmament.

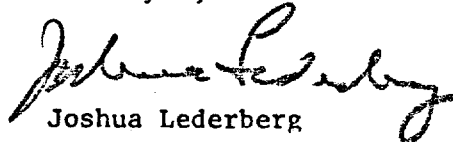
Your office was kind enough to send me Adm. Rickover's fascinating discourse (Testimony before the For. Relations Committee May '68). I suspect you are sympathetic to his criticisms, but for very different reasons than the ones he presents. (At least, that is my own position.)

I would appreciate other documentation from you bearing on cutbacks on ACDA and on research and technical-assistance aspects of AID.

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Off the record, I think I perceive the basis of your very critical attitude towards these programs insofar as they reflect "the arrogance of power". But what are you doing, and what can I do, on the positive side? I read your approbation of Dr. Frank's book, and his general approach to the application of psychological insights to peacefare. But then I see very little positive action from you to further research and action in peacefare -- so different from the Senator of the Fulbright educational exchange programs. Have you lost faith altogether in the chance that academic thinkers can contribute to solving world problems?

Let me be tangible. NSF was cut back very severely, in part because it is starting to extend its support of social science. Did you help?

Thank you,

  
Joshua Lederberg

NOTE: I write a weekly column on "Science and Man" for the Washington Post and affiliated newspapers. Your information may be helpful to me in drafting future columns.

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